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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT
PUDUCHERRY POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE

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Puducherry, the 12 AUG 2026

Sub: PPCC – 184th Meeting of the Puducherry Pollution Control
Committee held on 22.07.2026 - Minutes – Communicated.

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The minutes of the 184th Meeting of the Puducherry Pollution Control Committee held on 22.07.2026 in the Conference Hall of Chief Secretariat, Puducherry is enclosed for information.


(Dr. N. RAMESH)
MEMBER SECRETARY
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Agenda Item No. I - Confirmation of the Minutes of the 183rd PPCC meeting held on 26.02.2026.

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the 183rd PPCC meeting held on 26.02.2026.

Agenda Item No. II: Cases for consideration for Issue of Consent to Establish

Agenda Item No. 1: Issue of Consent to Establish to M/s Mother Earth Environ Tech Pvt., Ltd., for establishment of Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) of 1 MLD capacity, at, SP17 to SP24, SP-16 Pt., Phase 1 - Sedarapet Industrial Estate, Puducherry – 605 111.

The Committee heard the proposal of the project agency and discussed the subject in detail. The Committee agreed that, erection and commissioning of CETP in Puducherry may provide opportunities for better management of the Effluents generated from small units, which could not provide necessary treatment systems. The Committee noted the following:

- (i) CETPs are exempted from obtaining prior Environment Clearance under the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, subject to implementation of environmental safeguards by the State Pollution Control Committee through consent mechanism, vide Notification S.O. 389 (E) dated 28.01.2026.
- (ii) One of the safeguard mechanism stipulated in the O.M. dated 28.01.2026, is that, the Project proponent shall ensure that effluent from member industries is transported to the CETP exclusively through a dedicated pipeline network. Transportation of effluent by tankers or other means of vehicular transport shall not be permitted under any circumstances.
- (iii) The Committee noted that, the instant CETP is proposed to be established at the PIPDIC Industrial Estate (Phase I), Sedarapet, where only few industries are established and further development is ongoing. Since, the effluent generating industries are scattered in the various parts of Puducherry, operating the CETP with pipeline network is not viable.

The Committee after due deliberation decided to issue Consent to Establish, after getting clarification from the MoEF&CC, regarding the recommendation (ii) of the above said OM, for exemption of the “Transportation of effluent by tankers or other means of vehicular transport shall not be permitted under any circumstances.”, considering non-viability of operation of CETP with closed network of pipelines, as in case of Puducherry.

The unit shall furnish a survey of industries and prospective availability of effluent for the operation of CETP, for the proposed capacity of the plant.

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Agenda Item No. 2 : Issue of Consent to Establish to M/s Public Health Division (PWD), Puducherry for Supply, erection, testing and commissioning of Brackish Water Desalination Plant (BWDP) at Sudhana Nagar OHT campus, Mudaliarpur, Puducherry

The committee heard the proposal of the project agency and discussed the subject in detail. After due deliberation, the committee decided to accord clearance to the proposal to issue Consent to Establish, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The unit shall install and operate the desalination plant with high efficiency RO system and adequate pollution control measures to ensure no adverse environmental impact.
- (ii) The feasibility of reuse of the RO reject generated from the desalination process sustainably, shall be explored, until which, the same shall be disposed of to the U drain at Rajaji Street, ensuring no contamination of land, surface water, or groundwater.
- (iii) The unit shall provide flow meters at the inlet and outlet of the treatment plant and desalination plant and maintain records of water treated, permeate generated, and reject quantity.
- (iv) The unit shall ensure proper handling, storage, and disposal of chemicals used in the treatment process in an environmentally sound manner with necessary safety measures.
- (v) The unit shall dispose the waste liner bags / containers from the water treatment chemicals through authorized person.
- (vi) The unit shall carry out the chemical characterization of the sludge and dispose the chemical sludge only through authorized person.
- (vii) The unit shall implement measures for minimizing water loss and maximizing efficiency of the desalination system.
- (viii) The unit shall provide adequate acoustic enclosures and implement necessary noise control measures for all noise-generating equipment including pumps, compressor and DG sets. The unit shall also explore the feasibility of providing acoustic treatment to the room housing the noise generating equipment/ machineries to minimize noise pollution.
- (ix) The unit shall take adequate noise attenuation measures during the establishment of the plant to ensure that no noise nuisance is caused to the public during the operation phase and that ambient noise standards are complied with at all times. The unit shall ensure that the ambient noise levels comply with the prescribed standards, i.e., 55 dB(A) during day time and 45 dB(A) during night time.
- (x) The unit shall carry out periodic noise monitoring on monthly basis and maintain records for verification by the PPCC.
- (xi) The unit shall comply with the provisions of Water Purification system (Regulation of Use) Rules, 2023 which was enacted under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. Under Section 6 of the said rules, the responsibilities of water supply agencies viz., Local bodies, Public Health Engineering Department, Municipal Corporations, Jal Board, Municipalities, private and public sector agencies engaged in potable water supply, shall inform the consumers about the water sources and quality, including total dissolved solids concentration of water being supplied through billing instruments and also through public advertisement in newspaper and other mass media on regular basis.
- (xii) The unit shall not commence operation without obtaining Consent to Operate from the Board.
- (xiii) The unit shall remit the consent fee based on Gross fixed asset of the project and water consumption for issue of Consent to establish.

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Agenda Item No 3: Revocation of Closure Direction Issued to M/s. Padma Polymer, Thirubuvanaipalayam, Puducherry.

The Committee heard the proposal of Revocation of Closure Direction Issued to M/s. Padma Polymer, Thirubuvanaipalayam, Puducherry. The Committee after due deliberation decided not to agree for revocation of the unit.

During the Audit of M/s. Padma Polymer, a deficit in production capacity of 585 TPA, representing 24.4% of the registered processing capacity of 2,400 TPA, as determined through the trial run conducted, by CPCB team.

- (i) Environmental Compensation for misreporting the quantity of plastic processed and the corresponding EPR certificates generated was calculated as Rs.29,25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Nine Lakhs Twenty-Five Thousand only)
- (ii) And the unit failed to remit the Environmental Compensation amount.
- (iii) The Regional Director, CPCB, Chennai informed that in this regard CPCB, Delhi issued direction to PPCC to submit the Action Taken Report, accordingly PPCC has to review and submit the ATR to CPCB, Delhi for further direction. Hence, Committee suggested to take appropriate action as per the CPCB direction.

GENERAL AGENDA

General Agenda Item No. 1: - Strengthening of manpower in the Pollution Control Committee – Creation of essential posts in accordance with the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and NGT for effective enforcement of environmental legislation.

The proposal towards creation of 16 Nos. of essential posts in the Puducherry Pollution Control Committee recommended by the Sub Committee has been agreed to, by replacing the post of Legal Assistant into Law Officer. The proposal was also discussed with other relevant factors in depth, and the Committee has suggested that in order to strengthen the Puducherry Pollution Control Committee, three Nos. of additional posts viz, Chairman, Member Secretary and Senior Environmental Engineers may also be included in the present creation proposal.

As the total 19 (Nineteen) Nos. of posts has been recommended for creation in the PPCC as per the details given below: -

Sl. No	Name & Designation	Level in 7th CPC Pay Matrix				No. of Posts Proposed
		Pay Band	Grade Pay	Level	Group	
1	Chairman	Rs.37,400 – 69,000	Rs.10,000	Level 14	Group "A"	1
2	Member Secretary	Rs.15,600 – 39,100	Rs.10,000	Level 12	Group "A"	1
3	Senior Environmental Engineer	Rs.15,600 – 39,100	Rs.5,400	Level 10	Group "A"	1
4	Scientist - B	Rs.9,300 - 34,800	Rs.4,600	Level 7	Group "B"	1
5	Junior Scientific Assistant	Rs.9,300 - 34,800	Rs.4,200	Level 6	Group "B"	1
6	Senior Laboratory Assistant	Rs.5,200 - 20,200	Rs.2,000	Level 3	Group "C"	2
7	Junior Laboratory Assistant	Rs.5,200 - 20,200	Rs.1,900	Level 2	Group "C"	1
8	Field Attendant	Rs.5,200 - 20,200	Rs.1,800	Level 1	Group "C"	1
9	Assistant Environmental Engineer	Rs.9,300 - 34,800	Rs.4,200	Level 6	Group "B"	2
10	Data Processing Assistant	Rs.9,300 - 34,800	Rs.4,200	Level 6	Group "B"	2
11	Legal Assistant	Rs.9,300 - 34,800	Rs.4,200	Level 6	Group "B"	1
12	Data Entry Operator	Rs.5,200 - 20,200	Rs.2,800	Level 5	Group "C"	2
13	Superintendent	Rs.9,300 - 34,800	Rs.4,600	Level 7	Group "B"	1
14	Upper Division Clerk	Rs.5,200 - 20,200	Rs.2,400	Level 4	Group "C"	1
15	Lower Division Clerk	Rs.5,200 - 20,200	Rs.1,900	Level 2	Group "C"	1
Total						19

The Governing Body resolved to approve the proposal for creation of 19 Nos. (Nineteen) of the posts in the Puducherry Pollution Control Committee.

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General Agenda Item No. 2: Consent Management – Revision of validity period and fee remittance mechanism for Consent to Operate (CTO) / Renewal for Green and Orange Category Industries – Amendment to the decision of the 152nd PPCC Meeting.

The committee discussed the proposal in detail and after due deliberation decided to approve the following;

- (i) Consent to Operate (CTO) / Renewal shall be issued on payment of the prescribed consent fee corresponding to the validity period applicable to the respective category of industry as per the table mentioned below;

	Green	Orange	Red
Maximum Validity	15 years	10 years	5 Years
Consent Fee applicable	fee equivalent to 15 years shall be remitted for obtaining the maximum validity of 15 years.	Consent fee equivalent to 10 years shall be remitted for obtaining the maximum validity of 10 years	Consent fee equivalent to 5 years shall be remitted for obtaining the maximum validity of 5 years.
Note: The applicant shall remit the consent fee on a yearly basis corresponding to the period of validity sought. However, the total period of validity granted shall not exceed the maximum validity prescribed for the respective category of industry (i.e., 15 years for Green, 10 years for Orange, and 5 years for Red).			

- (ii) Uniform CTE Validity: There is no change in the Consent to Establish (CTE) validity it is standardized to a uniform period of 5 years across all categories upon payment of a one-time fee irrespective of category. Any subsequent extension of CTE validity will attract additional prescribed one-year fees.

General Agenda Item No. 3: Proposal for Revision of Consent Conditions relating to Installation of Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) and other environmental measures in Marriage Halls, Banquet Halls, functioning in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

The Committee deliberated on the proposal concerning the applicability of the requirement for installation of Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs)/Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) for marriage halls, banquet halls, kalyana mandapams, and similar establishments.

During the deliberations, the Committee took note of the practical difficulties highlighted by the representatives of the Kalyana Mandapam Association regarding the installation and operation of dedicated treatment systems. The Committee observed that such establishments generally have limited space available for the installation of ETPs/STPs, generate comparatively small quantities of wastewater, and experience prolonged lean periods during which little or no wastewater is generated due to the absence of functions or events. The Committee further noted that the installation and operation of dedicated treatment systems would entail substantial capital investment and recurring operation and maintenance costs, which may not be commensurate with the volume and intermittent nature of wastewater generation from such establishments.

The Committee also noted that the CPCB has issued a direction under 18(1) (b) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 on 20.07.2026 wherein CPCB has classified and notified the following sectors under different categories based on Pollution Index;

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S.No	Sector	Pollution Index	Category	Remarks
4.0 Hotels/Motel/ Resort				
4.1	Above 300 rooms	81.25	Red	
4.2	Above 300 Rooms (Based on Cleaner/ gaseous fuel in Kitchen)	79.4	Orange	Conditions must be followed: i. In case of Genset, the genset(s) complying with the latest CPCB IV+ norms, as amended from time to time, or 100% gas-based genset(s) shall be used. ii. In case of boiler, electricity-based or gas-based boiler shall be used. iii. Oil and grease trap shall be installed at the kitchen outlet. iv. Wastewater shall be managed through a stand-alone Sewage Treatment Plant (STP).
4.3	101 to 300 rooms	77.5	Orange	
4.4	21 to 100 rooms	73.8	Orange	
4.5	21 to 100 rooms based on cleaner /gaseous fuel in Kitchen)	50.5	Green	(i) In case of Genset, the genset(s) complying with the latest CPCB IV+ norms, as amended from time to time, or 100% gas-based genset(s) shall be used. (ii) In case of boiler, electricity-based or gas-based boiler shall be used. (iii) Oil and grease trap shall be installed at the kitchen outlet. (iv) In hotels having more than 50 rooms, wastewater shall be managed through a stand-alone Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). In hotels having 21–50 rooms, wastewater shall be managed in accordance with the methods prescribed in the <i>Manual on Sewerage and Sewage Treatment Systems (2013)</i>, published by the Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO), as amended from time to time.
4.6	Up to 20 rooms	46.4	Green	



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4.7	Up to 20 rooms based on cleaner /gaseous fuel in Kitchen)	19.3	White	(i) In case of Genset, the genset(s) complying with the latest CPCB IV+ norms, as amended from time to time, or 100% gas-based genset(s) shall be used. (ii) In case of boiler, electricity-based or gas-based boiler shall be used. (iii) Oil and grease trap shall be installed at the kitchen outlet. (iv) In hotels having more than 50 rooms, wastewater shall be managed through a stand-alone Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). In hotels having 21–50 rooms, wastewater shall be managed in accordance with the methods prescribed in the <i>Manual on Sewerage and Sewage Treatment Systems (2013)</i>, published by the Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO), as amended from time to time.
21.0 Restaurant / Dhaba / Eateries				
21.1	Restaurants / Dhaba / Eateries having more than 200 seats	73.8	Orange	
21.2	Restaurants / Dhaba/ Eateries having 101 to 200 seats	50.5	Green	
21.3	Restaurants / Dhaba Eateries having up to 100 seats	19.25	White	(i) In case of Genset, the genset(s) complying with the latest CPCB IV+ norms, as amended from time to time, or 100% gas-based genset(s) shall be used. (ii) In case of boiler, electricity-based or gas-based boiler shall be used. (iii) Oil and grease trap shall be installed at the kitchen outlet. (iv) In hotels having more than 50 rooms, wastewater shall be managed through a stand-alone Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). In hotels having 21–50 rooms, wastewater shall be managed in accordance with the methods prescribed in the <i>Manual on Sewerage and Sewage Treatment Systems (2013)</i>, published by the Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO), as amended from time to time.
22.0 Standalone Banquet/Marriage Hall				
22.1	Area more than 2500 sqm.	73.8	Orange	

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22.2	Area more than sqm and up to 2500 sqm.	50.5	Green	Oil and Grease trap to be installed at kitchen outlet.
22.3	Area upto 1000 sqm.	19.25	White	(i) In case of Genset, the genset(s) complying with the latest CPCB IV+ norms, as amended from time to time, or 100% gas-based genset(s) shall be used. (ii) In case of boiler, electricity-based or gas-based boiler shall be used. (iii) Oil and grease trap shall be installed at the kitchen outlet. (iv) In hotels having more than 50 rooms, wastewater shall be managed through a stand-alone Sewage Treatment Plant (STP). In hotels having 21–50 rooms, wastewater shall be managed in accordance with the methods prescribed in the <i>Manual on Sewerage and Sewage Treatment Systems (2013)</i> , published by the Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO), as amended from time to time

After detailed deliberations and examination of the applicable statutory provisions, the Committee resolved that the following approach may be adopted in respect of Marriage Halls / Banquet halls.

- (i) *The Banquet halls / Marriage Halls with less than 1000 sq.m shall provide oil and grease trapper installed to the Kitchen outlet before discharging into the public drainage.*
- (ii) *All the Establishment having DG set installed shall comply with the CPCB / SPCB guidelines issued from time to time and shall comply with the Emission standards stipulated under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986.*
- (iii) *The Gensets shall comply with the CPCB IV + norms, as amended from time to time or 100% gas based genes(s) to be used.*
- (iv) *Waste water shall be managed according to the methods as per the manual on sewerage and sewage treatment system (2013) , published by the Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO), and as amended from time to time.*
- (v) *The standalone Banquet / Marriage Hall with area more than 2500 sq.m shall be categorised under Orange Category and area more than 1000 sq.m and upto 2500 sq.m will be categorised under Green category.*
- (vi) *In compliance with the directions issued by the CPCB, the PPCC has adopted the revised categorisation of the sectors specified therein.*

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ADDITIONAL GENERAL AGENDA

Additional General Agenda Item No. 1: Proposal for review of consent conditions relating to effluent management in Healthcare Facilities (HCFs) having less than 10 Beds

The Committee considered the proposal regarding the applicability of Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP)/Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) requirements for Healthcare Facilities (HCFs) having less than 10 beds. The proposal highlighted the provisions of the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016 and the subsequent amendments notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) in the years 2018 and 2019. The Committee noted that the earlier requirement mandating installation of STPs by healthcare facilities having less than ten beds had subsequently been modified and such facilities are presently required to comply with the prescribed liquid waste discharge standards.

The Committee also took note of the practical difficulties expressed by small healthcare facilities in establishing and operating dedicated treatment systems due to the limited quantity of wastewater generated from facilities having less than ten beds, constraints in availability of space and the associated capital and maintenance costs.

After detailed deliberations and examination of the applicable statutory provisions, the Committee resolved that the following approach may be adopted in respect of Healthcare Facilities having less than ten beds:

- (i) Healthcare Facilities having less than 10 beds and connected to a municipal sewerage network leading to a functional Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) may be exempted from installation of individual ETP/STP systems.
- (ii) Such facilities shall provide appropriate disinfection arrangements for infectious liquid waste and laboratory wastewater before discharge into the sewerage system.
- (iii) Healthcare Facilities having less than 10 beds located in areas not connected to a municipal sewerage network having terminal treatment facilities shall provide suitable wastewater treatment systems capable of achieving the prescribed discharge standards prior to disposal.
- (iv) While issuing Consent to Establish (CTE), Consent to Operate (CTO) and Authorization under the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016, incorporate suitable conditions requiring maintenance of disinfection systems and proper segregation and management of wastewater streams.
- (v) The above recommendations shall be followed while processing applications for Consent to Establish, Consent to Operate and Authorization under the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016 in respect of Healthcare Facilities having less than ten beds, subject to any directions, guidelines or clarifications issued by CPCB, MoEF&CC or any other competent authority from time to time.

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ANNEXURE

Sl. No	Name & Designation of member <u>Tvl.</u>		
1.	R. Smitha, I.A.S. Secretary to Government Science, Technology & Environment	--	Chairman
2.	H.D. Varalaxmi Regional Director Central Pollution Control Board (Representing Member Secretary)	--	Member
3.	Dr. S. Pradeepkumar, Scientist 'B', Regional Office-Chennai, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, 1st Floor, Additional Office Block for GPOA, Shastri Bhawan, Haddows Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600034. (Representing Deputy Director General of Forest (Central))	--	Member
4.	Dr. G. Ragunathan DD IEC Indira Gandhi Government General Hospital & Post Graduate Institute (Representing Medical Superintendent)	--	Member
5.	P. Baskar Deputy Director (RD)-cum-Under Secretary (LA) Local Administration Department (Representing Director)	--	Member
6.	Malaivasan Oulgaret Municipality (Representing Commissioner)	--	Member
7.	Dr. M. P. Ramanujam Consultant Puducherry	--	Expert Member
8.	Dr. R. Saravanane Member Professor & Director (IPR) Department of Civil Engineering Puducherry Technological University	--	Member
9.	D. Subramanie Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) (Representing Chairman)	--	Member

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| 11. | Kanagaraj
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Puducherry | -- | Special Invitee |
| 12. | A. Srinivasan
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Puducherry Ground Water Authority | -- | Special Invitee |
| 13. | Dr. N. Ramesh
Senior Environmental Engineer
Department of Science, Technology & Environment | -- | Member Secretary |